

past 12 sessions as the chamber's leader.

Senator Long's accomplishments while serving as president pro tempore are a testament to his leadership. He has presided over property tax caps, a series of personal and corporate income tax cuts, the expansion of charter schools and the creation of private school vouchers, and passage of right-to-work law and the Healthy Indiana Plan. Senator Long also has a lengthy record of fiscal prudence and acting as a good steward of hard-working Hoosiers. His legislative accomplishments were married with his consistent production of balanced budgets. Under his tenure, Indiana achieved one of the lowest unemployment rates in the Nation, while also boasting some of the lowest property taxes and income taxes in the union.

I know that I add my voice to a chorus of those that have sang Senator Long's praises and expressed their appreciation for his exemplary service when he announced that he will formally step down on November 6. His steadfast service to his fellow Hoosiers and his leadership of the senate lead to long lasting success for our home State. I wish Senator Long and his wife Melissa a very well-deserved and happy retirement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Indiana Senate Pro Tempore David Long for his years of unwavering service as we wish a fond farewell to a true titan in the history of the Indiana Senate.●

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK

● Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 150th anniversary of Franklin Savings Bank, one of the oldest and most successful business in Franklin County and the only locally owned bank in Franklin County. Today the bank has eight locations across western and central Maine, including a commercial lending center in Ellsworth.

Founded on February 24, 1868, when Governor Joshua Chamberlain signed a bill into law incorporating the bank, the bank's early mission was "to help the people of Franklin County lay by something each year and deposit in some good bank where it will be safe and earn a little something." At the beginning, President Joseph Fairbanks said that they preferred the small accounts of children, which would be added to little by little over time, over the large account of a rich man. Times have changed since then, with the bank now serving four Maine counties with eight locations, but their dedication to customer service has not wavered. Over the past 150 years, Franklin Savings Bank has shifted from focusing on individual savings accounts to now also offering home mortgage lending and commercial lending. Online banking services were added to Franklin Savings Bank in 2001 and have only in-

creased, today offering customers the ability to deposit, complete transactions, and pay bills all from the convenience of their cellphone.

Franklin Savings Bank is not only committed to its customers, but also to its neighbors in the communities it serves. In 2000, the board of directors established the Franklin Savings Bank Community Development Foundation. This is a not-for-profit foundation that supports the community, economic, and educational needs within areas served by the bank. Over the first 15 years, the foundation has contributed \$2 million to local economic development, education, and various charities.

Amidst the mortgage crisis of 2008, Franklin Savings Bank continued to be a safe and trusted place for the people of Maine to keep their money. Franklin Savings Bank was named the Strongest Bank in Maine for 19 years and, during the mortgage crisis, the strongest bank in New England. Today Franklin Savings Bank is consistently ranked as one of the safest banks in the country. Their mission is to continue to be a financially strong and independent community bank, and I look forward to seeing their continued growth and impact on the State of Maine. I join with their customers in congratulating Franklin Savings Bank on 150 years of leadership in western Maine.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JULIETTE BELL

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize an extraordinary educator, Dr. Juliette Bell, for her 6 years of outstanding service as president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Bell has left a lasting legacy of accomplishment.

During Dr. Bell's tenure, UMES reached new levels of achievement, including being ranked as one of the Nation's best Historically Black Colleges and Universities, being a top producer of African-American pharmacists, becoming a doctoral research university, establishing the engineering and aviation science complex, experiencing an increase in student graduation rates, and improving relationships and collaboration between the university and the community. Thanks to her focus on inclusion and her commitment to the success of all students, Dr. Bell truly made a difference in the lives of UMES' students.

Dr. Bell's leadership has been recognized beyond the UMES campus. A renowned biochemist and scholar, she has received numerous prestigious national honors and awards, including the Millennium Award for Excellence in Teaching from the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the NAFEO Research Excellence Award, the Minority Access, Inc., National Role Model Mentoring Award, and the University of North Carolina Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching. She has also been named a Giant in Science

by Quality Education for Minorities and was featured as one of 10 African-American life scientists in an exhibition at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry entitled "Defying Tradition: African American Women in Science and Technology." She has also been named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women.

Throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Bell has been a role model for many, including women and women of color, especially those seeking to pursue careers in STEM fields. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Juliette Bell for all that she has done for students, the State of Maryland, and our entire Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK NERUD

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Chuck Nerud of McCone County for his contribution to his community.

Chuck was born and raised in Circle, MT, where he has been ranching for 65 years. At 8 years old, Chuck was already training horses, sparking his love of the rodeo. At 18, marking a decade of experience training horses, Chuck joined the McCone Race and Rodeo Club, which was later named the Circle Rodeo Club.

For the next 50 years of his life, Chuck dedicated his life to the rodeo, teaching children of all ages the proper techniques and rules regarding the sport. Some even call Chuck the walking encyclopedia of professional cowboys. Chuck also serves on the McCone County Stockyard Board.

Chuck has the heart of a true Montanan rancher. I thank Chuck for his contributions to McCone County and wish him well in his future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. McLaughlin, one of its journal clerks, announced that the House agrees to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor